

An Immigrant's Dilemma

"Much" is a word
I've often heard
But don't know much about.

And then there's "many"
A word I hear plenty
But still have many a doubt.

I've given some thought
To the words "a lot"
A lot of times I've misused.

And "tree" and "three"
Sound SO much alike to me -
No wonder I'm confused.

Now "didja" is a word
That's really absurd -
In fact, it makes me wary.

I look and look,
But it's not in my book
Nor in any dictionary.

What does it take
(For heaven's sake)
To master English lessons?

Even a fool
Can learn a rule
But what about those exceptions?

When I was young
My mother tongue
Was easy to speak and spell.

I wait for the day
When someone will say,
"You speak English good"
(or is it "well"?)